



Center for Food and Justice California Farm to School Program

The **California Farm to School Program** at the Center for Food and Justice (CFJ) supports the development, expansion and evaluation of farm to school programs in California. CFJ provides training and technical assistance in the form of informational resources and education/training activities for school administrators, food service, farmers, parents, teachers, and community members to establish farm to school programs. In specific, we offer school districts interested in implementing farm to school programs the following services:

- **ONE ON ONE MENTORING**

To help address common problems and challenges as they arise in the process of establishing a farm to school program, we offer one-on-one support and mentoring to school districts. Solutions and strategies derived from established programs are shared.

- **FARM TO SCHOOL WORKSHOPS** Farm to School Workshops geared towards school food service address critical issues such as how to find and work with farmers, how to incorporate seasonal items into menus, procurement and delivery, education and marketing, strategies for evaluation, and the financial and labor challenges and opportunities faced by school food service directors and staff. A resource packet on farm to school program information including fact sheets and other resources on the topic is disseminated at these workshops. For listing of workshop dates, visit <http://www.farmtoschool.org/ca/upcoming.htm>

- **INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES** CFJ has access to a plethora of informational resources available from farm to school projects across the country. We'll help you to locate these resources and link with projects in your own area.
- **Website:** The recently updated version of the Farm to School website (www.farmtoschool.org) is a one-stop information resource on farm to school. Click on the state of California and you will find information on existing programs, contacts, farmers, resources, events and funding sources.
- **Farm to School Resource Packet:** The resource packet is designed to meet your needs for responding to farm to school related informational queries or conducting targeted outreach to parents or board members, the pack is available free of charge. Order through our website at <http://www.farmtoschool.org/rp.htm>

- **VISIT A FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM** CFJ partners with several existing farm to school programs and offers site visits to their programs. Participants will tour a cafeteria program, observe a nutrition education session or garden-based activity, and receive a farm to school resource pack.

- **EASY ACCESS TO FARMERS** Through our long-standing relationships with local area farmers, we can help facilitate tours to farms and farmers markets, organize farmer in the classroom sessions for your schools/communities, or help you make the farmer connections that will make farm to school a reality in your school.

- **CURRICULAR AND GARDENING RESOURCES** CFJ can assist you in finding resources and activities to incorporate nutrition, health, food, and agriculture into your class curriculum, and provide direction on resources, expertise and funding for establishing school gardens.

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